



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Agenda Public Works Council Committee

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:035](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on April 02, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-24:029](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM JOHN K. HOUSEHOLDER AND DEANA D. HOUSEHOLDER THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Drainage Easement - Householder](#)

### 5. PENDING ITEMS

### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### 8. ADJOURNMENT



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# City of Jonesboro

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## Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

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Tuesday, April 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

**Present** 7 - John Street;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman

**Absent** 1 - Mitch Johnson

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:023](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on March 05, 2024

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 1 - Mitch Johnson

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-24:024](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH GOTCHER HOLDINGS, LLC

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [Indemnification Agreement - Gotcher Holdings LLC](#)

*Chairman John Street said, I would like to preface this, I've done this numerous times and the City Attorney has modified that to make sure that if it has to be moved, if there's any damage resulting from it, it's all on the owner's expense to do that. We've done several buildings down there that we done this to.*

**A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams; Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 1 - Mitch Johnson

[RES-24:025](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: JOB 101073, HWY. 351 CONNECTOR (AGGIE RD.) (JONESBORO) (S)

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [Diagram](#)

[Pages from 2024-02-21\\_r101073 45% Plan Submittal](#)

*Chairman John Street said, the mayor would like to make some opening comments. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Chair and I appreciate the opportunity always to come in front of the committee, and I think this is an opportunity to do so, especially when the support for an infrastructure is shared by the community. That's through city, Arkansas State University and ARDOT. I believe it merits consideration by the council, and in this case, basically, it's expanding opportunities for development at the University, it reduces traffic on Aggie Road near which University Heights School Campus, and it benefits the community. Aggie Road is a curvy thoroughfare and it's through a residential area that the city's already working to make more pedestrian friendly with a bike-funded trail and it's in the final planning and design stages. Providing an alternate route for current traffic and future growth that builds upon an overpass that we've already partnered with, with ARDOT on in constructions will also continue with the millions of dollars of recent investments in the airport. We'll provide a safer and more direct connection to Red Wolf Boulevard. The project will include pedestrian infrastructure. The estimated cost is \$5 million and that's in a range and the city would share \$1 million of that cost, which is consistent with all types of shared projects with ARDOT. This project has been researched, discussed and sent out for public comment by the regional MPO Committee, and after those input sessions the project was approved to be added to the state partnership program list by ARDOT. So Mr. Chair, we do have several in the room if they would like to speak. We do have Alan with MPO and I know we do have two councilmembers that serve on the MPO Committee. As well, we do have representation from Arkansas State University and the Chamber of Commerce as well.*

*Chairman John Street said, I would like to say, mayor, as the chairman of the MPO and a member of the MPO since its inception, Ann Williams is as well. About 15 years ago we applied for this under the Tiger Grant when they came out with those monies, unfortunately it wasn't shovel ready but it was something that the city had pushed for even that far back. If you ever been a pilot or flown into Jonesboro, a lot of times you were blocked in by trains. I know I've sat there 45 minutes plus waiting on a train to do their maintenance and move the track where you could get out. We're blessed by getting that overpass just north of the airport, but this would give us an excellent opportunity for access. Ingress/egress to the airport and provide better access to ASU from the airport. We got a new \$5 million terminal that we got the grant for that'll be built. The runway has been expanded to 150 feet in width and extending the length we'll have bigger planes coming in. In an airport, a lot of people don't think about it but it's as important as any major interstate to a city. That's often the first and only impression people coming into Jonesboro get, is through their airport. And if you're not out there and familiar with it, you know it's not just easily, you know, but most people don't think about that but I can tell you that it is. That's all I've got to*

comment on that but the floors open. Alan, do you want to comment on that, from anything that MPO's done with regards to ARDOT? From your perspective.

MPO Director Alan Pillow approached the podium and said, I can just speak to the process a little bit about how this project kind of came about, especially through the state transportation improvement program and our local transportation improvement program. Essentially what happen is, this is a partnering project, as the mayor brought about, between the city, ARDOT and Arkansas State University. Once this was highlighted as a project that three parties seemed favorable of moving forward with we included that in the listing of projects, which was put out for public comment. It was advertised on a small public website. It was brought before the MPO Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee to look through those series of projects and that one was included. From just my own personal perspective, as far as, return on an investment, this is a project that the match is only 20%, and while that match is a significant amount it is a rare thing to get that much. Like to get five for one, that's a pretty good return on an investment in my opinion, but that's not for me to say that's for y'all. If y'all have any specific questions about the process of how this came to be I'm happy to try and answer them. If I don't have the answer currently I certainly can try to find it. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I'm obviously interested because this is in my ward. I am familiar with the traffic going down Aggie Road and I'm all about accessibility. But my question is, and I'm looking at the diagram and where it's potentially connecting with Aggie Road. I know that curve is a huge issue with traffic, let me just say it that way. So what were the talks of discussions on that and how that would ease that traffic being backed up? Director Alan Pillow said, at the moment I don't know that, that alignment has been finalized. I think this is a preliminary layout for the job. So, I think that's something that's going to be continued to be discussed as they're looking at traffic patterns in that area. Obviously we don't want to cause a jam where there isn't one or create one further down the line. That is something I'm sure that ARDOT would take into consideration, but I can also forward that question as well and bring that back to you. Just to see if that is looking more finalized or not, but the last I checked it's still in flux with that final alignment would look like.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Mr. Councilman if I may interject. Craig, you might want to go ahead and just follow up. They're looking at interjecting two roundabouts, basically one at Red Wolf and one at Airport Road, correct Craig? Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, I'm sorry I thought those pages, they did, if we could get those opened up. We'll add it to your packet, but there will be a roundabout on both the east end and the west end of that project. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, when you say east and west you're talking about Red Wolf itself and then. Director Craig Light said, no, it will be on Aggie Road. They won't go all the way to Red Wolf. They'll start a little bit east of Red Wolf on Aggie. It'll be at the ASU farm at Longhorn Drive just a little bit to the west of there. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, and the east portion is? Director Craig Light said, the east portion just a little bit north of the VFW on Airport Road in line with the Willow Point subdivision. Looks like they'll be acquiring a couple of properties there to put in that roundabout, so you'll have a roundabout at both ends of the new roadway. There will be a 10 foot side path constructed as part of the project that will connect to the 10 foot path that's coming off the Airport that's part of that project. So there will be some pedestrian accommodations provided as part of the project as well. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so follow up, so and I don't know if this is for you or Alan, but ultimately, just in layman's terminology, ultimately this new project is benefiting the city, I know with traffic portion but what else? Director Craig Light said, this will be the new alignment for Highway 351 so this will be the new state route. It will be the primary

entrance in and out of the airport. I think that was mentioned, as the mayor mentioned, as John Street mentioned. This will be the front entrance coming in from the airport into the city. It will take traffic off of Aggie Road, those residential areas and the school areas so it will help with that. It does a lot of things to benefit the community. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, one last question if I may Mr. Chairman. Now with this redevelopment of this property, I guess ASU is selling this and or giving away, so is this being open for other potential developments and things like that or is it plan in the future? Or have we talked about that? Director Craig Light said, majority of the property that will be going through the University's property and I think they have some plans to do some future development. I can't really speak on what they have planned in the future. There's very little bit on the west end towards Aggie Road that is privately owned. There's one that someone is looking into building some residential houses on, but the one to the south I don't think there's any plans to develop it by the current owner.

Chairman John Street said, Dr. Russ Hannah is here. He may be better suited to answer that. Dr. Hannah would you mind coming forward. Thank you Craig and Alan. Chief Financial Officer at Arkansas State Dr. Russ Hannah approached the podium and said, I appreciate that question Dr. Coleman. That was my first question, how much we were going to get for the property. The answer is, our partnership with the city and with the Highway Department, we're providing the easements and the right-of-ways for this property. The University will retain all the property around it. Currently, as you know, there's a farmers market out there that we've developed. Plans in the immediate future are to continue to develop that area for our new veterinary school. So, there will be some upgrades to facilities that are there and possibly some additional ones. Chairman John Street said, any other questions or comments for Dr. Hannah? Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I have comments but not for Dr. Hannah Chairman. Chairman John Street said, ok. Thank you Dr. Hannah.

Chairman John Street said, Mark I see you out there. Do you want to come forward and speak on behalf of the Chamber? Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Mark Young approached the podium and said, we'll reiterate part of what you've already heard. This is a great opportunity to leverage funds with Arkansas Department of Transportation. This council's had a long history of partnering with the Department of Transportation making significant improvements in our community, and I believe this is an opportunity to do likewise. It's been mentioned multiple times that our airport is extremely important. You all have written grants and received grants recently that have made significant improvements and upgrades to the airport. That continues to be important to our economic growth and will in the future. This opportunity will open up, if you will, a new front door for our community. I think that's important, and on a personal note I'll just say that I'm extremely familiar with traffic down Aggie Road. My wife's a teacher at those two schools, so I understand the importance of safety and especially around school children. This will have a positive impact on that as well. I appreciate the opportunity to be here and appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

Chairman John Street said, I would also add, this is the last year that Alec Farmer will be on the Highway Commission. He's chairman this year but Alec is in a big way the reason we're getting these monies. Northwest Arkansas and Central Arkansas would have loved to had that extra \$4 million to do some projects they wanted, so it's kind of maybe a one last major shot for us to get something that we've tried to get for a lot of years but did not have the funds to see it come to fruition.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Mr. Chair, if we could, Mr. Purtee would you come

forward and go ahead and go through the process of what we've done in the past when it comes to allocating funds. Finance Director Steve Purtee approached the podium and said, yes sir Mr. Mayor and committee. A lot of you will recall that this STIP program is how we determined that it's the State Transportation Improvement Program or plan. The last one that we did was in 2016 and we appropriated \$8.9 million for at least a half a dozen projects that we were partnering with ARDOT on. The most recent one of that, is under construction as we speak, that's the overpass at 351 just north of the airport. So, this is consistent with what we've done in the past. Obviously, it's at a much smaller scale. As far as what we will do, we will appropriate street funding for this. Our current balance in the street account, as we speak, is \$2,080,000. We're projecting that'll remain constant through the end of this year. May dip down a couple hundred thousand, provided we hit our budget projections. We'll just simply appropriate funding from that account and reserve it for Capital Improvement or for this STIP project at that point. That is simply how we would fund that. Chairman John Street said, anybody have any questions for Steve while he's there? Councilmember LJ Bryant said, no questions but I still have a statement. Chairman John Street said, ok, just one second, I'm going to let people speak back and forth but that was our main plus and then we'll get to the committee. Anybody else, staff wise or representing anybody from ASU or city. If not then, questions or comments by members of the committee.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I recently started a painful process, personally. I started paying off my personal credit cards daily, and I realized how bad it hurt to look at what I was spending every day and how I needed to change my horrible behavior. And so, I only say that metaphorically to say that I'm looking at our Capital Improvement list that we considered in November. Several pages, tens of millions of dollars and of course the Finance Committee ultimately voted it down. This measure was on the Public Works agenda in September and was pulled so my comments aren't whether or not it's a good project, it seems like a good project. My thought process is, we need to zoom out and money is sort of a renewable resource and it's sort of not. It's a renewable resource to some degree but we've been blessed with a one-time supply of some covid money and some surplus money and some sales tax growth, and as we look at important city concerns and make sure that sales tax growth could change in the economy, who knows the economy nationally the economy locally, to be sure that we have the money that we need for the public safety races that we funded last year. And as we see a shift nationally in crime and locally in crime, to make sure we have all the dollars that we need to keep our community safe. There's nothing more important than that. So, I would like to see us zoom out and thirty days from now, let's have a comprehensive package and let's say hey man, here's some money we need to spend on public safety, here's some money we need to spend on quality of life, here's some money we need to spend on streets. So, this measure was pulled in September so I'm not saying not ever I'm just saying not now. I'm saying lets zoom out, you know I had a friend jokingly say you spend a million dollars here and you spend a million dollars there and you're talking about some real money, and a million dollars is a lot of money. So I think it's really important that we zoom out and we look at the Master Parks Plan that's coming soon, we look at all of these things, tens of millions of dollars of things that were potentially being considered in November. And, I'm sure the mayor will be coming to us soon because the covid money deadline is this summer, on appropriating those funds. So, let's take a close look and zoom out at all of our city needs and make sure that we are funding all of our priorities. And again, I'm not saying let not do this project, I'm just saying let's take a global look at everything and make sure we are funding all of the things that we should, particularly as it relates to public safety. Thank you chairman. Chairman John Street said, the only thing I can say about that is this is kind of a one-time chance for us with ARDOT. If we don't

*take advantage of this at 80/20, which is our typical deal, we may not get that other match. Again, that's just a choice for the council to decide, whether it's a project worthy of accepting or not. But, I mean, personally I think it is. It's a great opportunity, because like I said before, we've work on this off and on for the last 15 years. We haven't had the money to do it ourselves, and ASU is donating the land across it. They were involved years ago as a willing partner. Administration out there change but ASU can see the benefit to this and I can definitely see it. I think it's a great opportunity to get several million dollars from ARDOT that some other cities in the state are hoping we don't do this so they will get this money, because they're going to spend them but we can't sit on it all day. I mean, if we don't do it it'll go to somebody else.*

*Chairman John Street said, Craig. Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, one of the reasons this is being brought to you tonight is we have a development plan on the east end of this project for residential subdivision that will basically make the east end of this project undevelopable as the way it's proposed. We're not sure exactly how that's going to work out if this gets tabled. They're on the agenda for next Tuesday night to subdivide that property at Planning Commission, and I don't know of any reason why we would not grant that subdivision. So without this agreement to move forward with the Highway Department we're going to have to deal with a lot more property acquisition and more cost on the east end of the project as he begins to build residential houses that will shortly have to be torn down for this project or the project modified and possibly not be a roundabout on the east end of it. That is why it is important to get this thing moving forward right now and not waiting another month. There is a property owner on the east end that is ready to move forward with the project that is really hinged on this. I just thought that needed to be said.*

*Councilmember Ann Williams said, it was mentioned about the vet school coming and that's going to impact the city and have an effect on air traffic in and out, and I think it's good for us to plan to be prepared for that coming. I think that is going to be major as far as having the vet school here. Chairman John Street said, I think ASU will probably do some more expansions out there that will be great benefit to the community, as far as expanding their campus in that direction with that access. Councilmember Ann Williams said, right.*

*Councilmember Janice Porter said, I would just like to comment that I believe in that area that there's a large area that is just one way in and one way out and this would provide an alternate, which is important for public safety. Chairman John Street said, while you mention that, Nettleton, the train traffic through there has probably got 18. It's increasing and will increase, and it wasn't really a good option to build an overpass. Could you speak to that Craig, because of the constraints of the height for the overpass it made that a no-go on that position that is why that section wasn't considered.*

**A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman

**Nay:** 1 - LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Mitch Johnson

## **5. PENDING ITEMS**



## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, I was asked to give some information about the Savannah Hills subdivision. There were some questions about the drainage at the last City Council meeting, I believe. I did get to look at the plans over the last two weeks and review them and make sure that they are keeping with city code as far as the drainage. All the adjacent properties to the north end to the west drain onto the Savannah Hills property, so it is not the Savannah Hills property draining onto the neighbors. It's kind of the other way around. The people on Forest Hill Road are actually draining eastward onto the Savannah Hills property not the other way around. Currently there is some water standing in the woods. They're doing some clearing and grating and grubbing, there will be an underground drainage system installed as part of the project and that will collect that water and drain that out into two detention ponds. It will be a little while before that underground system is installed. We did look at the drawings and look at what the proposals were and have made a couple of suggestions to the designers and to the developer things we want to see modified in the plans. What we're concerned about is that this off-site water coming on to Savannah Hills may actually hurt the developer and flood some of his properties, not the other way around. So we're asking him to make some modifications there, so we can make sure he collects that water before it could possible flood a structure that hasn't been built yet. So, we have looked at it, it is in keeping with the city code, we don't see any problems with the project. I agree there is some standing water in the woods, but right now they're doing the clearing and grating and grubbing and it's been raining, it's just part of construction and it will dry out as the summer goes on. There will not be water backing up from this project onto the neighbor's properties. There's 11 foot of fall from the property line to where this water is being stored, so it would have to build-up quite a bit to back up onto the neighbor's property. I just wanted to make sure the council and the public knew that we have looked at it and we do not see a problem with it. Chairman John Street said, thank you Craig.*

*Lenny Hogan, 4122 Forest Hill Road, approached the podium and said, yeah our water is running onto him, but they're building a dam so my back property line now is going to be four foot higher or five foot higher because they're taking all the hills down and flattening it. So we got hills now and we've got a flat area that is built up with all these apartments being built on. Chairman John Street said, Craig, comment on that? Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, again, there's an underground drainage system that's going to be put in to accommodate and capture all this water. I can look at it and make sure they're not doing anything intermediately at his house. I've looked mainly at the northern end of the project, not the southern end, but I can definitely get out there and look at it tomorrow and make sure they're not doing something as this moves along that's causing a problem. We'll get them to address it if it is, but overall the plan works. Lenny Hogan said, my corner lot has got a three quarter acre retention pond and it's been there since the 50's. So, a quarter of a mile of Forest Hill runs downhill goes through my pond and then runs through here. It's not going to take a little bitty culvert to drain all this water. They need to come out when it gets a 2" rain and watch what water goes through the woods. I mean they're building a dam y'all. My septic system is in my backyard. There's no sewer easement or anything around the back side for me to ever get to sewer. The other day, six months ago, he said well there's going to be a manhole over here and a manhole over here. Well, there's no way I can go up 20 feet to this manhole and the other one's got*

a house. There's no way to come down the street because there's a walking trail, bicycle trail, down Craighead Forest Road. So, I'm fixing to be sitting there in an island with a dam. When my sewer backs up, I've been there 35 years, and when them woods there gets saturated, I'm going to be coming. Because, this looks terrible. Y'all need to go out and look at what they've done out there. Chairman John Street said, Craig's going to be out there and he'll get with you tomorrow and y'all go through that.

Chairman John Street said, you're going to have to keep it short. You can't go through 20 pages tonight, were already late for the council meeting. Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, approached the podium and said, well good thing I only have four. Chairman John Street said, good, you have five minutes. Start the clock would you please. Patti Lack said, I just want to say I appreciate Brian. I've talked to Brian over and over again and this is not an all of a sudden problem that we have with the flooding. I understand that we have rain every once in a while and it floods. Lenny and I have been out there 35 years so you can look at a map, but when you come out there and you look at it. I just want to show you right here, so where's the flooding going to go? Of course it's going to go on to Savannah Hills, but this is my backyard. I'm at midlevel. My yard goes straight down in there. There's a ravine and what happens is that, look right there and that's my slope and it continues to go down to Savannah Hills after my chain link fence there. That right there is looking on at my neighbor to the south, and you can tell that her property goes down also. This is just more of a downhill slope. Now, is it going to go on my property? Yeah, it is eventually because his apartment buildings, he has to move a whole heck of a lot dirt to make that level, because there's a ravine in there. When looking at my neighbor's house to the north, look at that uphill slope right there. That's a pretty good size hill. All of her water comes onto my property that goes behind my property, onto Savannah Hills. And then, there's her slope right there, the waters coming and it just continues. There's no possible way that I'm not going to have damage in my property eventually, because water is going to be staying right there. This is my neighbor's backyard, there's about ten to fifteen feet and then it goes down almost straight. That's where the apartments are going to go. How are you going to level that to my property, looking down that's my property right there? There's no possible way just with a drainage ditch that we're going to be covered and not flooded on that. It's not right. On Mr. Pickle's property, I look at his property all the time. He's two doors down from me, and when he takes his bulldozer down into the property, is that you see the car and then all of a sudden you don't see it because there's a huge huge ditch there. The property from Selena goes to mine. My water goes to Bridgette. Bridgette's goes to Mr. Pickle's property which goes to Lenny's, and that property right there on Craighead Forest Road, Lenny's talking exactly. There's a natural pond right there. It's being backup so there's mosquitos on that person's property right there. I appreciate Brian and I appreciate Craig, but you see it on a piece of paper but when you actually see it. So if Craig can come out here and reassure us that we're not going to have a lot of flooding when this happens, because the only problem that I have with all of these things that we have, I have not gotten a signed copy of the grating permit from Mr. Pickle from Savannah Hills. I've got the amount of money but I have not got a signed copy of it. I don't know what the details are, but on this one right here on a permit for the city. I want you guys to understand where my concern is and my neighbors is. This is talking about setbacks, but once again grating and taking care of the citizens. All setbacks requirements are the responsibility of the contractor. The Inspections Department inspects the footing, and here's the code that we have and that is what we want to do. The contractor holds all responsibility to ensure that it's in place, so what you guys are telling us is that we have to trust the developer to make sure that we don't have flooding in our backyard. Chairman John Street said, no, his development has to be

*approved by the city Engineering Department, and no more water legally can run onto your property after development then before. That's state law Patti. I tell you what to do, get with Craig in the morning when he's out there with Mr. Hogan. I know it's so hard to understand but that's the first thing people say when there's development of any kind. We're going to have water problems and traffic problems, well it's true you're going to have traffic, but state law dictates what that is. He's our engineer Patti, I'm not an engineer, none of us on the council are, and that's who the city delegates that responsibility to determine where that water can go and if the waters going. But no more, by state law, can run onto your property after development then before. So by state law, can't put additional water on you, and it's his job as the city engineer to see that it doesn't happen. Patti Lack said, well, I appreciate your comment on that Mr. Street, but the thing is I'm having a little difficulty with the confidence of this city following codes and ordinances. And when they're not followed, is that the citizens are the ones that are going to suffer. So, if Craig can come out and he can look at our property and assure us 100%, because I don't want to have to come back and say to all of you, guess what I've got flooding problems in my backyard, then I appreciate that and I hope we that we can arrange with Craig and him come and look at it. Chairman John Street said, get with him in the morning when he comes out, and hopefully he can discuss anything you have concerns about. And I do understand your concern Patti, but we're not the engineers to do that, that's his job and he's accountable to the state. So if he doesn't do his job, by all means you go over him and you go to the state, the ADEQ and you bring them down on him. Patti Lack said, ok, thank you very much. Chairman John Street said, I have confidence in you Craig. Patti Lack said, I'm going to go sit next to Craig right now and make an appointment. I hope you guys understand, but citizens have problems and you guys are the ones we have to come to. I'm having a real problem with things being followed to the code when they're not these days. Thank you.*

*Chairman John Street said, Craig I have confidence in you. I do and ADEQ rides heard over Craig. He does. He can tell you that. It's not just city doing something, if you think the city's doing something wrong you call the state and they'll come check it out I promise you.*

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 6 - Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams; Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman

**Absent:** 1 - Mitch Johnson



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## Text File

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A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM JOHN K. HOUSEHOLDER AND DEANA D. HOUSEHOLDER THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas desires to accept the following described easement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining drainage improvements:

A 15 feet wide by 50 feet section of real property in the remote northeast corner of Lot 58, positioned behind the entrance signage of Sloan Lake Estates Subdivision, located at the corner of Casey Springs Road and Sloan Lake Drive, as shown by plat cabinet C page 201, recorded on August 14, 2009, in Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 3 East, Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows: precisely 7 and one-half feet to each side of the installed approximately 50 feet of concrete conduit or pipe as constructed beneath the surface.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas to accept the easement described above.

Return recorded document to:  
CITY OF JONESBORO  
300 South Church Street JONESBORO,  
AR 72401

The above space is reserved for Craighead County recording information.

## DRAINAGE EASEMENT

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

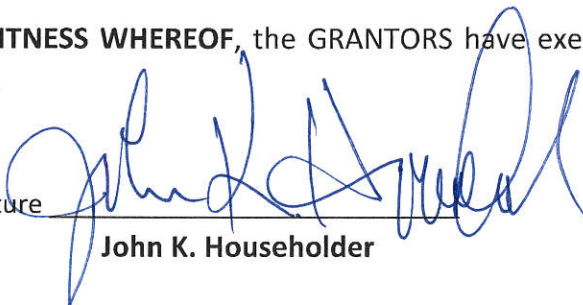
That **John K. Householder and Deana D. Householder**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor (whether one or more), does hereby dedicate, grant, and convey unto the Public, and that the **CITY OF JONESBORO**, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Arkansas, hereinafter referred to as Grantee, does hereby accept on behalf of the public, real property for the exclusive use as a drainage easement the following described in Craighead County, State of Arkansas, to-wit:

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This drainage easement and right of way is limited to and has no dedication, grant, or conveyance from the Grantor to the Grantee, other than to construct drainage improvements and maintain the improvements. The easement shall be dedicated, granted, and conveyed for the period used for the stated purpose of improved drainage construction and subsequent maintenance until abandoned by the Grantee. Further use of this area by the Grantors or future recorded owners is not limited by this drainage easement so long as the use does not interfere with the purpose of constructing and maintaining the drainage system.

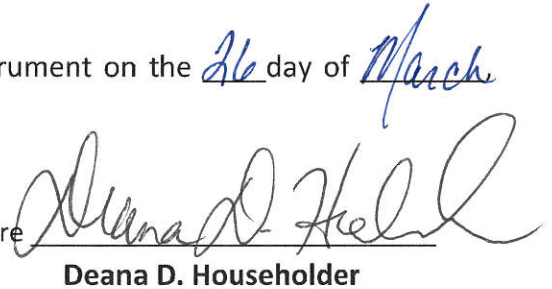
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the GRANTORS have executed this instrument on the 26 day of March 2024.

Signature



**John K. Householder**

Signature



**Deana D. Householder**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
COUNTY OF CRAIGHEAD

On this day before me, the undersigned officer personally appeared **John K. Householder and Deana D. Householder** to me well known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they had executed the same for the purposes therein stated and set forth. WITNESS my hand and seal this 26 day of March, 2024.

Notary Public (Signature) Lisa Thompson

My Commission Expires: 9-09-2025

